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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Representative Gerald Ford re Justice Douglas Case

25X1A 1. This afternoon, Mr. John S. Warner, Deputy General Counsel, and I met with House Minority Leader Gerald Ford and explained that since Mr. Warner and [] talked with him on 20 July, Mr. Houston's Memo for the Record summarizing the contents of our files relating to the Douglas case had been revised. Mr. Ford said he had not had an opportunity to read the memo left with him on 20 July and we left with him a copy of the revised version which he said he would try to look at at the first opportunity and give us a call within the next 48 hours. He said if we did not hear from him by that time we should call him.

2. Mr. Ford said that whether the Celler Subcommittee published Agency material on the case or not, "we" (presumably Ford and others pushing the charges against Douglas) would insist that all material submitted by the various executive agencies be made public, since the Committee staff couldn't be relied upon to do a completely thorough and objective analysis of the evidence.

3. We explained to Mr. Ford that the Director's concern was not based so much on the sensitivity of the information contained in our memo, but rather the precedent of making public certain fiduciary relationships of a kind on which the Agency has to rely heavily in order to do its job. This Mr. Ford seemed to understand.

4. When informed of the foregoing, the Director said that before reaching a decision he would like to consult with Chairman Mahon of our Appropriations Committee and asked Mr. Warner to prepare copies of the relevant correspondence from and to Chairman Celler.

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5. The Director will see Chairman Mahon in the morning.

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